

April 2016

**To: Faculty Senate**  
**From: Alyson Hagy, Faculty Athletics Representative**  
**Re: Annual Report**

As Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), I chair the Athletics Planning Committee (APC). The APC meets a minimum of four times a year, and its subcommittees on Academic Integrity, Fiscal Integrity, and Gender/Diversity/Student-Athlete Well-Being also meet several times. APC members are appointed by the President. Current APC members are:

Frank Galey, Dean, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources  
Bruce Cameron, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources  
Leslie Rush, Associate Dean, College of Education  
Scott Chamberlin, College of Education  
Sam Kalen, College of Law  
Jonathan Brant, College of Engineering & Applied Sciences  
Tami Benham-Deal, College of Health Sciences  
Caskey Russell, College of Arts & Sciences  
Bob Schuhmann, Associate Dean, College of Health Sciences  
David Aadland, College of Business  
Richard Miller, Center for Advising & Career Services  
Chad Baldwin, Media Relations  
Taylor Thompson, ASUW  
Kalah Skates, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee  
Alyson Hagy, FAR, chair  
Tara Evans, General Counsel, *ex officio*  
Janet Lowe, Administration & Finance, *ex officio*  
Sara Axelson, Student Affairs, *ex officio*

Several Athletics staff members serve as subcommittee liaisons, and Athletics Director Tom Burman makes regular, detailed reports to the APC.

This year the APC reviewed the concussion protocols for student-athletes, reviewed the annual and quarterly budgets in Athletics, revised the proctoring policy for student-athletes, analyzed Title IX data, made recommendations for gender/diversity hiring practices, reviewed budgets and timelines for new Athletics facilities, reviewed the Strategic Plan in Athletics, analyzed suspension/probation/GPA/graduation rate data for student-athletes, reviewed NCAA policy proposals on academic misconduct, etc. The APC was established by the Board of Trustees to advise the President on Athletics matters and to provide oversight in key areas through its subcommittees. All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to contact their APC members (or the Faculty Athletics Representative) with questions or concerns at any time.

**Some recent information of note:**

Student-Athlete GPA for 2014-15 was 3.05.

Student-Athletes must graduate in 5 years according to NCAA rules. They must also maintain certain GPAs and clear progress toward a degree in order to compete in their sport.

UW student-athletes missed an average of 5 classes with excused absences last year.

Athletics spent more than \$500,000 on summer school and winter term classes last year.

Suspension/probation numbers for student-athletes continue to decline. First-year student-athletes are the ones who struggle the most.

232 academic awards were earned by UW student-athletes in 2014-15—the highest number in more than a decade.

400+ student-athletes are majoring in 63 different disciplines.

The Excellence at 7220 program continues to provide high quality life skills development for student-athletes. Recent speakers/workshops have addressed sexual violence, money management, stress management, job interview skills, and diversity/inclusion. UW student-athletes completed more than 3000 hours of community service last year.

Dr. Michael Boyer has been hired as Athletics' medical director. (He also has a 20% appointment in Student Health.) He sees dozens of students a month—for everything from the flu to depression. His presence has led to higher quality, more consistent mental health care for student-athletes.